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REMARKS

The Official Action dated April 27, 2006, has been received and the contents carefully noted. In view thereof, claims 1, 3, 4 and 6 have been cancelled in their entirety without prejudice nor disclaimer of the subject matter set forth therein. While claims 2, 5, 7, 14 and 15 have been amended in order to better define that which Applicants regard as the invention. Accordingly, claims 2, 5 and 7-15 are presently pending in the instant application with claims 8-13 being withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner.

Initially, Applicants wish to acknowledge the Examiner's indication on page 5 of the Office Action that claims 2 and 5 have been objected to as being dependant upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In this regard, as can be seen from the foregoing amendments each of claims 2 and 5 have been rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any other claims. Furthermore, claims 7, 14 and 15 have been amended to depend from one of claims 2 or 5. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Applicants claimed invention as set forth in claims 2, 5, 7, 14 and 15 is now proper conditioned for allowance.

With reference to sections two and three of the Office Action, claims 1, 3 and 14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,180,533 issued to Jain et al. as evidenced by U.S. Patent No. 6,635,185 issued to Demmin, and claims 4, 6, 7 and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,415,328 issued to Yang et al. as evidenced by Demmin. Each of these rejections are respectfully traversed in that each of independent claims 1 and 4 as well as dependent claims 3 and 6 have been cancelled. Consequently further discussion with respect to the merits of these rejections are no longer believed to be warranted.

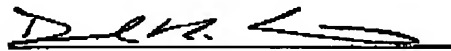
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Additionally, with respect to the Examiners Response to Applicants Arguments set forth in section 4 of the Office Action, again with the cancellation of each of independent claims 1 and 4 as well as dependant claims 3 and 6, further discussion with respect thereto is no longer believed to be warranted.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing it is respectfully requested that the objections and rejections of record be reconsidered and withdrawn by the Examiner, that claims 2, 5, 7, 14 and 15 be allowed and that the application be passed to issue.

Should the Examiner believe a conference would be of benefit in expediting the prosecution of the instant application, he is hereby invited to telephone counsel to arrange such a conference.

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